Year	Petrol(%)	Petroleum Products(%)
1992-93	103.2	85.5
1993-94	100.2	84.0
1994-95	99.7	80.8

*Provisional

(b) The demand projections for the year 2001 have not yet been finalised.

(c) Measures taken by the Government to increase crude oil production include:—

(1) Development of new fields and additional development of existing fields.

(2) Implementation of Enhanced Oil Recovery (EOR) schemes and extending some of the EOR scheme from pilot scale to full scale field application.

(3) Implementation of specialised technologies such as Extended Reach Drilling. Horizontal and drain hole drilling.

(4) Offering small and medium sized fields for development by the private sector, on* its own and through joint ventures with the national oil companies.

(d) Government have implemented a number of schemes for conservation of petroleum products. They include replacement of low efficient furnaces with higher efficient ones, use of better pumps to reduce leakage of petroleum products, improvement in gas flare management, use of efficient machineries, design and marketing of efficient LPG/Kerosene Stoves, setting up of model garages in STUs, sponsoring of R&D projects, etc.

Conservation of Indian Biological Diversities

1661. SHRI INDER KUMAR GUJRAL: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have initiated action to formulate and enact a legislation for the conservation of Indian biological diversities including the issues related to the ownership of the resources that originated in India and access to such genetic resources; and

(b) if so, by when a Bill to that effect is likely to be brought forward?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) and (b) The Government is taking measures to formulate a comprehensive legislation with regard to biodiversity. Following a series of inter-ministerial consultations and discussions with experts and NGOs the elements for the legislation have been identified. As several Central and State laws govern various aspects of biodiversity conservation, presently an exercise has been undertaken to examine the existing laws relevant to biodiversity. Consultations with sectoral Central Ministries, the State Governments and other relevant organisations would also be necessary.

America's stand on India's claim for Security Council seat

1662. SHRI E. BALANANDAN: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the US Government has taken a position against India as a permanent member of UN Council as a result of its tilt towards Pakistan; and

(b) if so, whether Government will review its decision for an Indo-US Joint Defence Initiative?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI PRANAB